

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending, wherein claims 1 and 7 are independent.

The first sentence of the specification has been amended merely to insert a claim for priority.

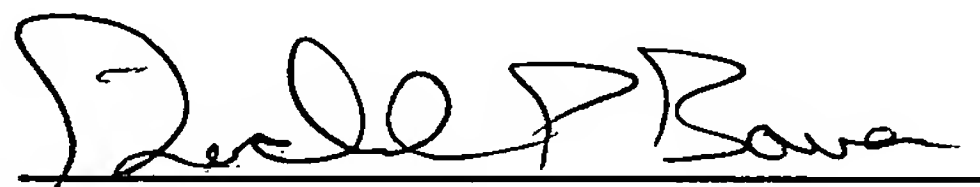
No new matter has been introduced by way of the amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's attorney, Richard Bauer, by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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